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For: IMAGE RETRIEVING APPARATUS PERFORMING
RETRIEVAL BASED ON CODING INFORMATION
UTILIZED FOR FEATURED FRAME EXTRACTION OR
FEATURE VALUES OF FRAMES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

February 26, 2002

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3 and 4 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please replace claims 1, 2, 15 and 16 with the following amended claims: Please note that claims 1, 2, 15 and 16 are presented below in their amended form. They are further presented as an Attachment to the Amendment whereby the amendments to the claims are outlined using the conventional method of bracketing and underlining.

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1. (Amended) An image retrieval information storing apparatus, comprising:
a frame feature value generating unit for generating a frame feature value which is
a numerical representation of a frame feature based on image data; and

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